

Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2016

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www.mansfieldct.gov/trash

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

For the 2016 trash service calendar, go to www.mansfieldct.gov/trash

The week of **Columbus Day, October 10** - No change in service. The week of **Veteran's Day, November 11** - No change in service.

The week of **Thanksgiving**, **November 24** - Thursday service will be on Friday, Friday service

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The week of Christmas, December 25 - No change in service. The week of New Years, January 1 - No change in service.

DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

For trash service that has been shut off due to an unpaid bill, payment of the delinquent bill plus the next quarter's bill will be required to restart service.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLE CONTAINER

Please do not put plastic bags or plastic wrap of any kind in the blue recycle container. The recyclables in the blue containers go to a recycling plant where cans, bottles, and paper get sorted. Plastic bags and wrap that get tangled in the sorting equipment can shut down the plant! Big Y, Price Chopper and Staples accept any stretchy plastic as long as it is clean. Press your thumb into the plastic. If it gives without breaking, recycle it. Remove receipts and all food residue.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, will be open Oct 1& 15 and Nov 5, 2016. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOST PILOT AT TRANSFER STATION

Participants are wanted for the transfer station compost pilot. If you do not already compost, this is a great way to get started. Participating households receive a collection container as well as guidance on what is accepted. Participants bring their food scraps to the transfer station on an as needed basis. To begin contact Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

From December 26 through 30, 2016 you may put out extra household garbage on your collection day. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station. *Please note, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes should be recycled.*

RECYCLE WRAPPING PAPER AND BOXES

Please recycle non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes. Place them in the blue recycling container with other household recyclables.

STRING OF LIGHTS RECYCLING

Recycle your string of lights that no longer work by bringing them to the Mansfield transfer station. They will be recycled with other wire products. *Please do not place them in the blue recycle container*.

FREE REPAIRS OCTOBER 22, 2016

Free sewing, electrical, electronic, mechanical, book, woodworking repairs and knife sharpening will be available during the next **Repair Café** on Saturday, October 22, 10 AM to 2 PM, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. Skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair - your broken item. While you are there, enjoy bake sale refreshments and chat with a neighbor. You must be able to carry your item in and out of the Café. For more information, contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

LED BULB SWAP AND SALE NOVEMBER 5, 2016

Join us at a LED bulb swap and sale held at the Mansfield Community Center on November 5, 2016 from 9 am to 2 pm. Exchange up to 5 incandescent or compact fluorescent light bulbs, at no cost, while supplies last. The LED bulbs are equivalent to 60-watt incandescent bulbs. Additional energy-saving lighting products will be available to purchase at discounted rates.

SHARING YOUR TREASURES

Do you own perfectly good items that you no longer want but hate to toss out? Fortunately there are a number of ways to find the right home for your treasures locally.

The **Swap Shop**, located at the Mansfield Transfer Station, is a place to donate (or find) small household items that are clean and in good working condition. You can visit the swap shop on Tuesdays 8:30-4, Thursdays 12-4 & Saturdays 8:30-4. Visit www.mansfieldct.gov/trash or call 860-429-3333 for more info.

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) accepts household items of all sizes, as long as they are intact and in good condition. They are located at 866 Main St, Willimantic. You can arrange a pick-up for large furniture by calling 860-456-7270.

Storrs - Mansfield Area Tag Sale (Connecticut)

A Facebook group where you can sell new or used items.

Buy Nothing Mansfield, CT

To join this Facebook group, contact local volunteer Kara Fontaine via Facebook private message to verify that you live within the boundaries designated for this Buy Nothing community group. Learn more about the Buy Nothing Project at http://buynothingproject.org/

Storrs Freecycle is part of a worldwide online network that organizes recycling of goods among its users. If you have items that you no longer need or leftovers from a project, you can post it on Freecycle. If you are looking for an item, you might find it through Freecycle. All exchanges are free of charge. https://groups.freecycle.org/StorrsCT

SHREDDED PAPER OUTLETS

- **1. Opportunity Works CT**, 45 West Main Street, Vernon. Cost to shred is \$0.25/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.30/lb for home pick-up. Contact Suzanne at 860-454-4016.
- **2. Shred & Gone**, part of Tri-County ARC, 40 Hale St, Vernon. Cost to shred is \$0.25/lb delivered to their facility or \$0.35/lb for home pick-up. Contact Nicole Boske at 860-817-4669.
- **3. Staples**, Rte 195 across the road from the Eastbrook Mall. Cost to shred is \$0.99/lb.